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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant's petition that the abandonment set forth in the Notice of Abandonment mailed by the Patent Office on May 8, 2002 be withdrawn. The Notice of Abandonment states that no response was received by the Patent Office to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated August 11, 2000. However, on September 26, 2000 the undersigned attorney mailed to the Commissioner, using the Certificate of Mailing procedure of 37 CFR 1.8, the Declaration and Power of Attorney duly executed by the inventor, and an authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 10-750. A copy of this full submission, along with a copy of the postcard received from the Patent and Trademark Office mailroom dated October 2, 2000 acknowledging receipt of same, accompanies this Petition. As

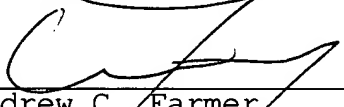
provided in 37 CFR 1.8(b), Applicant's request that the abandonment be withdrawn and that further examination of this application proceed in due course.



Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/COD123/ACF in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

As no defect exists in Applicant's previous submission, a refund of the Petition fee submitted herewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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